



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 342**

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**Chairperson:** Ron Raikes  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** January 23, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 342 makes adjustments to base year operating revenues of community college areas, which are used in the calculation of state aid under the Community College Property Tax Relief and Equalization Program. Beginning in F.Y. 2007-08 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amounts of the adjustments are as follows, to the extent that the Legislature provides full funding for state aid to community colleges:

- Central Community College Area, an increase of \$187,500;
- Metropolitan Community College Area, an increase of \$375,000;
- Mid-Plains Community College Area, an increase of \$937,500;
- Northeast Community College Area, an increase of \$937,500;
- Southeast Community College Area, an increase of \$375,000;
- Western Community College Area, a decrease of \$2,812,500

In the event that the Legislature does not provide sufficient funds to fully fund state aid, the amounts listed above will be reduced on a pro rata basis using the percentage obtained by dividing the actual amount of funding by the amount needed for full funding.

If the adjustments to base year operating revenue exceed the amount of unused restricted funds authority that is allowed to be carried forward to future years pursuant to Section 13-521, the excess shall be exempt from the budget limitations imposed in Section 13-519.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Ron Raikes**